

What is claimed is:

- 1 1. A split-frame system for a motor vehicle transporting a trailer, comprising:
 - 2 A. a front frame having a rear end;
 - 3 B. a rear frame having a front end;
 - 4 C. said rear end of said front frame is coupled directly to said front end of said rear
 - 5 frame;
 - 6 D. a front axle transversely mounted to said front frame, said front axle mounting a
 - 7 plurality of wheels thereon;
 - 8 E. a rear axle transversely mounted to said rear frame, said rear axle mounting a
 - 9 plurality of wheels thereon; and
 - 10 F. a fifth wheel mounted to said rear frame, said fifth wheel couples said trailer to
 - 11 said rear frame, the front end of said rear frame pivotally mounting to the rear end
 - 12 of said front frame.
- 1 2. The split-frame system for a motor vehicle transporting a trailer, as recited in claim 1,
 - 2 further comprising a dampening device having a top end and a bottom end, the top
 - 3 end of said dampening device pivotally mounting to said front frame, the bottom end
 - 4 of said dampening device pivotally mounting to said rear frame.
- 5 3. The split-frame system for a motor vehicle transporting a trailer, as recited in claim 1
 - 6 whereby the rear frame may pivot about a transverse axis of said rear frame relative
 - 7 to said front frame.
- 8 4. The split-frame system for a motor vehicle transporting a trailer, as recited in claim 3,
 - 9 further comprising a dampening device having a top end and a bottom end, the top
 - 10 end of said dampening device pivotally mounting to said front frame, the bottom end
 - 11 of said dampening device pivotally mounting to said rear frame.